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For: NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING TANGO405 AND FUNCTIONAL FRAGMENTS
AND USES THEREOF (as amended)

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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In response to the final Office Action mailed April 19, 2005, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, please enter and consider the remarks and amendments below intended to put this application into form for allowance.

An Amendment After Final and Notice of Appeal with a Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fees were filed on October 19, 2005. The Brief on Appeal was initially due

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on December 24, 2005. An extension of time to file the Brief on Appeal is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment, and a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed in lieu of a Brief on Appeal.

This Amendment addresses issues raised in the Final Office Action dated April 19, 2005 and in the Advisory Action dated December 29, 2005. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

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